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1. AUGUST 12 MEETING ON NASA STATION BETWEEN U.S. AND GOMR NEGOTIATING TEAMS WAS POSTPONED BY GOMR SIDE UNTIL AUGUST 16. SEC GEN OF MINISTRY OF TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT, EDSON RAHALISON, RECEIVED U.S. TEAM AT APPOINTED TIME SAYING HE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO MEET WITH MINISTER ANDRIAMAHAZO TO OBTAIN HIS INSTRUCTIONS BUT WANTED TO USE OCCASION TO MEET NEW DCM. RAHALISON NOTED THAT THERE WAS ALREADY ACCORD AT HIGH LEVEL (PRESUMABLY BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND GENERAL ANDRIAMAHAZO) AND THAT AUGUST 16 SESSION WOULD BE DISCUSSION OF "TECHNICALITIES."

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES REASONS GIVEN FOR POSTPONEMENT CAN BE ACCEPTED AT FACE VALUE, PARTICULARLY SINCE GENERAL ANDRIAMAHAZO HAS BEEN OUT OF TOWN FOR SEVERAL DAYS. WHAT RAHALISON MEANS BY "TECHNICALITIES,"
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